



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: April 2, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution amending resolution 08-29 authorizing an exchange of permanent easements for wildlife corridor and overflow parking purposes on MRCA property to include easements over portions of APNs 2064-006-902 and 905 between Liberty Canyon Road and the 101 Freeway, Agoura Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution amending resolution 08-29 authorizing an exchange of permanent easements for wildlife corridor and overflow parking purposes on MRCA property to include easements over portions of APNs 2064-006-902 and 905 between Liberty Canyon Road and the 101 Freeway, Agoura Hills.

Background: At its March 5, 2008 meeting, the Governing Board adopted resolution number 08-29 (attached) which amended a year 2000 resolution. Resolution number 08-29 authorized transferring easements on two MRCA-owned parcels as part of a package that would complete the land base for the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor. The attached staff report from the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting provides extensive background on this issue. As stated in that staff report, the March action should have included the two subject APNs 2064-006-902 and 905.

Almost certainly an adequate size parking lot will require more MRCA land than portions of APNs 2064-006-903 and 904 which were approved in resolution number 08-29 at the March meeting. Each of those lots is only 50-feet-wide. That is not wide enough for two rows of parking. In which case portions of APNs 2064-006-902 and 905 will also need to be thrown into the mix. The proposed action would add these two parcels to the list of what area staff is able to transfer easements on for overflow parking in order to get an easement along the 101 Freeway. The attached figures demonstrate this spatial relationship.

The proposed overflow parking area on MRCA land would not substantively diminish the function of the wildlife corridor. If additional information shows that corridor function would be substantially diminished, the parking area will have to be modified

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prior to providing an easement. Staff will continue to work with the applicant and the City to make sure the parking area is as compact as it can be without substantially reducing the feasibility of the proposed commercial project.